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<b>In re Application of:</b>	Cefali, Eugenio
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<b>Examiner:</b>	Pili Asabi Hawes
<b>Title:</b>	INTERMEDIATE RELEASE NICOTINIC ACID COMPOSITIONS FOR TREATING HYPERLIPIDEMIA WHICH EXHIBIT AN IN VIVO STAIR- STEPPED ABSORPTION CURVE

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 30, 2005.

**Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.

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